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April 10, 2019

The Honorable Assembly Member James Gallagher  
California State Assembly  
PO Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003

RE: Housing, Assembly Bill 430

Dear Assembly Member Gallagher:

Prior to the Camp Fire disaster of November 8, 2018 (more than 5 months ago) California and Butte County suffered from scarce and expensive housing. A large contributing factor to the set of chronic housing related problems is California's burdensome, time consuming, uncertain and expensive regulatory processes related to the creation of housing.

The Camp Fire disaster then added insult to injury when it caused a massive loss of housing in Butte County. The cascading adverse impacts of the disaster cannot be captured by mere words.

Immediate improvements must be made to the regulatory processes related to the creation of housing to streamline those processes to make them more efficient in both time and cost, and to encourage rapid private investment in the creation of housing. AB 430 is one such incremental improvement that will assist in this effort. The City Council of the City of Biggs unanimously supports AB 430.

Sincerely,

Nathan E. Wilkinson  
Mayor, City of Biggs



# City of Oroville

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Chuck Reynolds**  
Mayor

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March 20, 2019

Assemblyman James Gallagher  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003

**RE: Assembly Bill 430**

Dear Assemblyman Gallagher,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Oroville to express our overwhelming support for AB 430. We are in desperate need of housing and the related public improvements. AB 430 will significantly expedite this process.

With over 14,000 structures destroyed during the Camp Fire, the economy in our region is at risk. All efforts to expedite the rebuilding process and create new housing opportunities are critically important. It seems very reasonable that if the Olympics or an NFL stadium are exempt from these requirements, our cities and county should be able to exempt the necessary housing projects and infrastructure to maintain our economy. In the aftermath of the Camp Fire, these actions are crucial to the rebuilding and stability of our region.

Thank you so much for your efforts. We desperately need your help.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Reynolds, Mayor  
City of Oroville

March 20, 2019

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April 12, 2019

Assemblyman James Gallagher  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003

Re: Gridley's Support for AB 430 (Gallagher)

Greetings Assemblyman Gallagher:

The City of Gridley greatly appreciates your focused and effective leadership on behalf of our region. We are writing to support Assembly Bill 430, which would help provide housing relief for Camp Fire victims by allowing housing developments that meet specified criteria to utilize a streamlined ministerial process at the local level that will speed up approval of the project.

Gridley is experiencing significant demand for permanent housing due to the Camp Fire. Your legislation is considered an ideal solution to most efficiently and effectively provide quality housing options to the Butte County residents in need.

The City of Gridley is highly committed to helping our neighbors in need. In addition to hosting the largest ever FEMA Modular Housing Community in the Western US, as you are aware, the Camp Fire destroyed 14% of Butte County's housing stock, exacerbating the housing crisis in the area and making it difficult for Camp Fire victims and others to find affordable housing. It is essential that impacted jurisdictions within the county be able to utilize a streamlined process to approve new housing, thereby allowing evacuees the ability to stay in the area where they have jobs, family, and community connections.

Thank you again for your high quality and visionary leadership. If you have any questions regarding Gridley's strong support of AB 430, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Bruce Johnson  
Mayor

Paul Eckert  
City Administrator

March 30, 2019

Assemblyman James Gallagher  
Post Office Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003



RE: Support for AB 430 Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act

Dear Assemblyman Gallagher:

On behalf of Chico Downtown Business Association (DCBA), I would like to express our support of your bill, Assembly Bill 430. The current housing shortage in Butte County, due to the tragic Camp Fire, requires a speedy solution. Expediting and streamlining the building approval process for housing developments would go a long way to alleviate the challenging housing dilemma for the Camp Fire survivors.

Securing additional housing in Butte County, particularly in Chico, is crucial to the health of our local economy. The lack of adequate housing has started a drainage of our workforce, which we need to stop as soon as possible. At the current pace of development, we do not believe we can stop the loss of our workforce nor provide the necessary permanent housing for the Camp Fire survivors in a timely manner.

We thank you for your foresight and encourage you to see the AB 430 into its final passage.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Halimi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "D" and "H".

David Halimi  
DCBA Board President  
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(530)521-6300

April 8, 2019

Assemblyman James Gallagher  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003

RE: Support for AB 430 (Gallagher) Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act of 2019

Dear Assemblyman Gallagher,

The leadership of Build.com is writing in support of AB 430 Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act of 2019. Build.com is an online home improvement retailer founded in Chico, California in 2000.

Build.com currently employs 619 people at our Chico headquarters, and many of our staff were directly impacted by the Camp Fire. Members of the Build.com family lost homes in Paradise, Magalia, and surrounding areas. Some of our employees are still without permanent housing.

We understand firsthand the importance of streamlining the review, approval, and permitting processes. We believe that AB 430 will provide much-needed relief in this unprecedented situation, while adequately and responsibly addressing environmental and other concerns.

Respectfully,



Russ Wheeler  
President, Build.com - Ferguson Inc



Devin Van Hout  
EVP Build.com - Ferguson Inc



April 22, 2019

To the Chico City Council:

The Butte-Glenn Medical Society (BGMS) is a membership organization that is affiliated with the California Medical Association and has been a local presence since 1857. BGMS's mission is to promote the science and art of medicine, to protect public health, and to promote improvement of the medical profession in our community. BGMS physician members have always and will continue to provide care throughout Butte and Glenn counties.

The Butte-Glenn Medical Society Board of Directors voted unanimously at our meeting April 17, 2019 to support Assembly Bill 430 "Housing Development: Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act of 2019" proposed by Assembly Member Gallagher.

BGMS has actively worked to improve access to care issues that were present prior to and have worsened since the Camp Fire. In discussions with many healthcare coalitions these past few months, there is great need to recruit physicians to the area to help increase our community's access to healthcare. Our physician-to-patient ratios are not conducive to care. Yet, physicians are not able to relocate to this area without access to housing.

In addition, it is everyone's top priority to increase housing for everyone in Chico. Suitable long-term housing is critical for the health of our community. It is, therefore, our belief that AB 430 will help to provide our area some temporary relief and we respectfully ask the city council to work the author and his staff on language that helps to ameliorate the housing crisis while also preserving local oversight.

Best Regards,

David Alonso, MD  
President

Sean Liston, MD  
Immediate Past President

April 15, 2019

Assemblyman James Gallagher  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0003

**RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 430 (GALLAGHER)**

Dear Assemblyman Gallagher:

On behalf of Enloe Medical Center, I write to support **Assembly Bill 430**, which would help provide housing relief for Camp Fire victims by allowing housing developments that meet specified criteria to utilize a streamlined ministerial process at the local level that will speed up approval of the project.

The effects of the Camp Fire on our organization has been horrific. Over a third of our county health care infrastructure has been destroyed, and the cost of meeting this huge new demand has taken its toll. We are short employees and physicians and have run out of room to take care of our patients. Hundreds of our employees have left the area due to the uncertainty of our situation, and many more have opted against employment with us due to the lack of available housing. We have been forced to seek very expensive outside agency assistance to find temporary employees and physicians, or further stress our current employees and doctors by requesting more overtime. Housing is absolutely critical to our ability to recruit and retain needed health care professionals and to continue to provide badly needed health services to our traumatized region.

The Camp Fire destroyed 14% of Butte County's housing stock, exacerbating the housing crisis in the area and making it difficult for Camp Fire victims and others to find affordable housing. It is essential that impacted jurisdictions within the county be able to utilize a streamlined process to approve new housing, thereby allowing evacuees the ability to stay in the area where they have jobs, family, and community connections. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mike Wiltermood  
President/Chief Executive Officer